SIL. Thereafter as they be: a score of good ewes may be worth ten pounds.

SHAL. And is old Double dead!

Enter BARDOLPH, *and one with him.*

SIL. Here come two of sir John Falstaff's men, as I think.

BARD. Good morrow, honest gentlemen * : I beseech you, which is justice Shallow ?

SHAL. I am Robert Shallow, sir ; a poor esquire of this county, and one of the king's justices of the peace : What is your good pleasure with me ?

BARD. My captain, sir, commends him to you: my captain, sir John Falstaff: a tall gentleman, by heaven, and a most gallant leader.

SHAL. He greets me well, sir: I knew him a good backsword man: How doth the good knight ? may I ask, how my lady his wife doth ?

BARD. Sir, pardon; a soldier is better accommodated, than with a wife.

SHAL. It is well said, in faith, sir: and it is well said indeed too. Better accommodated!—it is good: yea, indeed, it is : good phrases are surely, and ever were, very commendable. Accommodated !—it comes from *accommodo:* very good ; a good phrase[3].

* Folio gives *Good morrow, honest gentleman* to Shallow*

3 — very good: a good phrase, &c.] *Accommodate* was a modish terra of that time, as Ben Jonson informs us : "You are not to cast or wring for the perfumed terms of the time, as *accommodation*, complement, spirit, &c» but use them properly in their places as others." *Discoveries.* Hence Bardolph calls it a word of *exceeding good command.* His definiton of it is admirable, and highly satirical: nothing being more common than for inaccurate speakers or writers, when they should

define, to put their hearers off with a synonymous term: or, for want of that, even with the same term differently *accommodated*: as in the instance before us. WARBURTON.

The same word occurs in Ben Jonson's Every Man in his Humour: